

us of all the gifts we as Americans sometimes take for granted and urged us to use our position as a world power to strive for peace and recognize the beauty of the human spirit.

She devoted her soul to God and dedicated her life to His children and while I believe her contributions are so enormous that she may be irreplaceable, her humility led her to believe otherwise. In 1989 Mother Teresa announced her retirement saying, "God will find another person, more humble, more devoted, more obedient to Him, and the society will go on." But her devotion to her order and the need to continue her missionary work let her to withdraw her resignation the following year. "I was expecting to be free but God has his own plan," she said.

Combined with the recent death of Princess Diana, we have lost two of our most compassionate souls. Very different in style and appearance, they found an affinity of each other by fulfilling the needs of the forgotten. They became friends. Diana raised millions for people with AIDS, lepers, the homeless and the forgotten by selling the designer gowns she no longer needed. Mother Teresa owned only two outfits, both of them the simple habit she designed. It is proof positive that it really doesn't matter if you wear designer clothes or wrap yourself in a simple sari. What lies in your heart is what will ultimately define your humanity. While Princess Diana was a master of loosening our purse strings, Mother Teresa spent a lifetime opening our hearts. Princess Diana called Mother Teresa her role model and this simple nun from Calcutta accepted the Princess into the family of man and asked her to be nothing but herself. The Princess and the nun, glamour and simplicity, royalty and humility and yet somehow, the partnership worked.

The world grieved the loss of Diana, Princess of Wales at the highest levels of society. The depth of Mother Teresa's loss might be felt most in the gutters of Calcutta where an abandoned child first felt the touch of human kindness and the love of God all through this tiny vessel—a simple nun from Calcutta.

The loss of Mother Teresa who has dedicated herself to the service of others forces us to examine our own lives and rededicate ourselves to helping those who are in need. I will never forget Mother Teresa and the way she lived her life, never seeking a spotlight except that which God chose to shine on her. Her faith guided her actions and her kindness sparked the humanity in each of us.

In 1996, Mother Teresa showed that she also possesses a sense of humor when she told Prince Michael of Greece, "The other day I dreamed that I was at the gates of heaven and St. Peter said, 'Go back to Earth, there are no slums here.'" She toiled on behalf of others for half a century. I believed she has earned her place in heaven with God.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be included as a member of the official delegation from the United States to the State Funeral for Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The power of her faith and the strength of her will must become our own as we honor Mother Teresa who I believe is the single, most-loved human being of our times. The goodness, humanity, and faith she possessed must also guide our actions as we legislate. Like her, no one can be excluded. We must be willing to cradle the least among us if we are to be worthy of the positions we hold.

## THE CELLULAR PROTECTION ACT OF 1997

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 1997*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Cellular Protection Act of 1997. This bill takes a serious step forward in helping our law enforcement combat a growing type of crime, cellular cloning.

For those who are not familiar with cellular cloning, the process is simple. It usually involves criminals seated in parked cars outside of airports or along busy roadways to harvest electronic serial numbers [ESN's] from legitimate cell phone users. Special software and equipment are used to insert the stolen numbers into other cell phones, the clones. The cloned phones charge their calls to the account of the lawful, unsuspecting user. Like me. For instance, my phone was cloned while coming out of Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. I was faced with over \$6,000 in illegal charges on my bill.

As you may know, it is estimated that the cellular industry lost \$650 million due to fraud in 1995, much of it as a result of cloning fraud. I have talked with many people in the telecommunications industry about this problem. My district is home to the largest concentration of telecommunications companies in the Nation.

The Secret Service has doubled the number of arrests in the area of wireless telecommunications fraud every year since 1991, with 800 individuals charged for their part in the cloning of cellular phones last year.

The sad thing is they probably could have caught a lot more of them. However, current law requires prosecutors to prove that a cloner acted with the intent to defraud. The Cellular Telephone Protection Act of 1997, removes this burden.

This legislation clarifies, that—except for law enforcement and telecommunications carriers—there is no lawful purpose for which to possess, produce, or sell hardware or software configured for cloning a wireless telephone or its ESN.

This is good commonsense legislation that is supported on both sides of the aisle, the Department of Justice, U.S. Secret Service, and the wireless industry.

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 1997*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, another day and still no campaign finance reform vote. We have now been back in session for a week, we will have at the most 8 weeks left. If we don't begin the process of consideration of these bills then we will run out of time and will have once again let the public down.

This does not have to be a partisan issue. Yesterday Members of the Republican party joined Democrats in calling for a vote on campaign reform. There are a number of bipartisan reform bills pending before this House, in-

cluding H.R. 2183, the Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act, and the Shays-Meehan bipartisan reform bill, both of which I am a cosponsor. I am confident that we can work together as Republicans and Democrats to make meaningful changes to the system that do not unfairly benefit either political party.

Unfortunately, we read today that the Government Reform and Oversight Committee is about to engage in an expensive series of hearings investigating campaign abuses in the 1996 election year. An exhaustive investigation is being conducted on the same issue in the Senate. Rather than hold hearings on campaign finance reform the Government Reform and Oversight Committee is using our taxpayer's time and money to duplicate the Senate hearing. This is unacceptable.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for this House to get serious about campaign reform. We can no longer accept "no" as an answer.

## IN HONOR OF HOPE CENTRAL ACADEMY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 1997*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize HOPE Central Academy in Cleveland, OH, for its outstanding record of educating Cleveland's young people.

The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Education and the Workforce has selected HOPE Central Academy as the site for their hearings tomorrow on What Works? And What's Wasted in Education. HOPE Academy is 1 of 57 schools participating in a pilot program testing the efficacy of school choice in Ohio. The nearly 2,000 inner-city children from low income families who enrolled in 1996 saw test scores rise an incredible 15-percentile points in mathematics and 5-percentile points in reading, while national test scores for inner-city children of the same age (K-3) usually decline. More than 3,000 children are expected to take advantage of this exceptional program next year.

I am confident that the panelists at Friday's What Works? And What's Wasted hearing will realize that HOPE Central Academy shows "What really Works" in education when parents, teachers, and the community work together to give our children a chance to learn in a positive environment. The only thing wasted in the case of HOPE Central Academy is time, as in we should have done this a long time ago.

## TRIBUTE TO THE PHOENIX MERCURY

**HON. ED PASTOR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 1997*

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, the Mercury is rising in Phoenix and it's not due to the weather.

I'm referring to the Phoenix Mercury, my hometown's WNBA Western Conference Champions.